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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As the holiday season is upon us, it is a natural time to reflect on the year we had, and what lies ahead. 2021 has been eventful for Milwaukee, and a year defined by challenges such as the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, overcoming structural budget issues, and working to curb violence and reckless driving.

This year has also provided many notable high points as well, including receiving hundreds of millions of dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act to accelerate our city's pandemic rebound, the return of events such as Summerfest, Chill on the Hill and other community gatherings, and Milwaukee is now home to the NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks!

We also have tremendous opportunity on the horizon as we near 2022. The recently passed federal infrastructure bill will allow Milwaukee and other communities to expand broadband access, remediate lead pipes and provide funding for critical city road paving and bridge repair projects, among other items. The city will also work to allocate the second tranche or ARPA funding to provide additional support to those in need citywide.

In this newsletter you will read about our "Around the 14th" district business visits, neighborhood plans, federal American Rescue Plan investments, find our new survey, and join us for another virtual town hall meeting.

In closing, as your Alderwoman and a mother I ask you to get you and your children vaccinated against the COVID 19 virus if you have not already. Our city needs you to do all you can to stop this disease spread so that we may all enjoy the holidays safely.

I hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday season, and I remain thankful for the opportunity to serve as your representative for our district.

Sincerely,

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Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic



Virtual Town Hall Save-The-Date

FRI DECEMBER 10

Virtual Town Hall Meeting 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone: bit.ly/D14DecTownHall

Committee Assignments

Chair

Happy

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to yours

Holidays

from our

• Public Safety and Health Committee

Member

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Zoning, Neighborhood and Development Committee

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roviding local business owners and entrepreneurs with crucial city resources — particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic — is always a top priority, but there are additional ways in which we can showcase and uplift businesses. This sentiment was the spark that drove us to launch "Around the 14th" earlier this year. We stop by and visit 1–2 businesses a month from all sectors and every part of our district, and help share their stories online and via our monthly e-newsletter.

So far, we have already visited more than 40 businesses! These include local gems such as Urbal Tea in the Crisol Corridor which was also a recipient of the Mayor's Design award; local Bay View dining favorite Goodkind who consistently works to bring fresh and innovative dishes to the neighborhood; the new women and Latinx-owned book store Lion's Tooth on KK; and Café Centraal who utilized the Active Streets program to create a unique dining experience for patrons; and many more!

If you would like us to stop by and visit your business, please reach out to our office at: marina@milwaukee.gov



Bounce Milwaukee, 2801 S. 5th Ct.



Urbal Tea, 3060 S. 13th St.



Twisted Path Distillery, 2018 S. 1st St.



Goodkind, 2457 S. Wentworth Ave.

Milwaukee Diaper Mission

Just over a year ago the Milwaukee Diaper Mission, a local nonprofit organization that works to distribute disposable and reusable diapering and period supplies to families, set up shop in the 14th District and began filling a critical need. I'm proud to have them in our district and support their invaluable mission. Supporting families is always a top priority, and I got to see firsthand just how the Milwaukee Diaper Mission gets things done, and was able to present them with a commendation on their one-year anniversary.

Since launching in September 2020, the Milwaukee Diaper Mission has distributed 162,616 disposable diapers, 89,802 disposable period products, 1,946 reusable cloth diapers, 1,064 reusable cloth pads and 173 reusable menstrual cups.

For more information, please visit: https://www.milwaukeediapermission.org





Summer Town Hall

This summer we were able to host our first in-person town hall meeting since taking office at Ohio Playfield. There was a great turnout and residents were able to hear timely updates from the Department of Public Works, Department of Neighborhood Services, Milwaukee Police Department and Milwaukee Fire Department. Meeting directly with residents is always important, and we look forward to more of the opportunities in the future.

South Shore Park, an Improved Playground for All

I'm happy to share that as part of the Milwaukee County budget, Supervisor Clancy and many dedicated residents near South Shore Park were able to secure funding for a budget amendment that would repair the park's playground. I was delighted to speak in favor of this amendment at a County hearing, and continue to be inspired by the residents with Fund Play Bay View who helped raise \$30k in two weeks to support the park rehab. In total, \$600k will be allocated to repair equipment and surfaces.





Early Childhood Education Funding Proposal and ARPA Rundown

I was honored to lead an effort for Milwaukee to make one of the largest public investments in early child-hood education through the use of the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Funding childcare is an investment in the human infrastructure of Milwaukee's working families, and will help uplift our future. The financial commitment will include:

- Stipends to eligible early childhood professionals to decrease turnover rates and provide infants and toddlers with more stable relationships with better-educated teachers
- Investment in the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) dual-enrollment program, which enables students to attend college while enrolled in high school and studying early childhood education
- Investment in MKE Rising, which prepares young men of color to participate in a 10-month early childhood residency as early childhood scholars to increase the representation of male educators of color in early childhood education
- Funding for Leading Men Fellows to empower and equip young men of color, ages 18–24, with opportunities to pursue a long-term career in the field of education

While Early Childhood Education is crucial, so is public safety. Violence is something that impacts the fabric of our city. As a leading cause of injury, disability, and premature death, this issue compromises health and safety, and underscores why we must be



taking a public health approach to curbing violence. Thankfully, Milwaukee has a tremendous strength at its disposal in the Office of Violence Prevention and I fought for ARPA funding to be allocated to OVP to bolster their work. The City allocated \$3,270,000 to the department to support and expand 414LIFE – which implements the evidence-based Cure Violence model, in which credible messengers – people who can authentically speak to the issues at hand – perform a violence "interruption" to diffuse conflicts that could have become violent.

Additionally, ARPA allocations include:

- \$43.5 million for affordable housing projects
- \$15 million to support continued COVID-19 response
- \$26 million for expansion of the lead abatement program
- \$6.3 million for jobs training and programming

Improved Roadways

Working to improve roadways so they are safer for pedestrians, motorists, cyclists and all users remains a top priority in our district and across the city. I'm happy to share that in 2021 we have been able to make several noticeable improvements to our streets so they can be safer and more accessible to everyone.

Among the improvements are:

- More than 3 miles of new bike lanes added on streets including Morgan Ave., Oklahoma, Howell and Clement;
- New paint and post bump outs at four intersections on 13th Street from Oklahoma to Cleveland;
- "Road Diets" to help reduce speed and improve mobility on Morgan Ave., Becher and Oklahoma totaling approx.. 1.25 miles;
- Three new speed bumps bringing our district total to 31;
- The city's **Active Streets Program, that I** authored in 2020, produced eight outdoor parklets districtwide as we reimagine the way in which streets are utilized.



Lazy Susan, 2378 S Howell Ave. One of several D14 businesses to utilize the Active Streets program.

We will also see continued improvement projects in 2022. The City's High Impact Paving Program will provide new asphalt on West Lincoln Avenue from Chase to 1st; East Carol Street from Brust to Iowa; East Rhode Island from Superior to Fernwood; and South 5th Street from Lincoln to Chase.

Local paving (which includes curb, gutter and sidewalk repair) will occur on East Linus Street from Logan to Kinnickinnic; E. Tripoli Av. East of S. Kansas Av. to S. Brust Av.; and on S. Lenox St. from E. Norwich St. to E. Howard Ave.





Bay View Neighborhood Plan

Residents across the district have strong opinions on development and the future of our district. It has been over a decade since the strategic plan for our area was created, and we are now moving forward with an update that will create a vision for the short, medium, and long term!

The planning process is officially underway and resident involvement is crucial. The Milwaukee Department of City Development has begun the first steps of its project to develop a Bay View Neighborhood Plan to examine some of the important issues facing the neighborhood. Bay View has been booming in recent years because people are attracted to our great location within the city near the lake, inviting public spaces, the unique character of the area, the abundance of local restaurants and shopping, and wonderful sense of community.

There will be many opportunities during this yearlong study to make your voice heard including virtual meetings, in-person events, and online surveys. More information on the project and the most up-to-date news and events can be found by visiting **engagemke. com/bayview**. There you can sign up to be included on an email list to receive invites to upcoming community meetings.

The neighborhood plan will:

- Explore development scenarios on Kinnickinnic around building sizes and styles
- Identify desired use(s) for large sites such as the Army reserve site
- Explore ways to support local businesses and the commercial areas
- Provide housing choices for a variety of incomes and family types
- Improve the public realm including parks and streets
- Determine interest and educate residents on historic preservation options



Timeframe

This study will be approximately a year-long, concluding by the end of 2022.

Bay View Neighborhood Plan

Phase 1

Review past plans & trends, define community goals, & identify opportunities

Phase 2

Report findings, create growth scenarios, consider options, & community feedback

Phase 3

Present draft recommendations & community feedback

Phase 4

Present the vision & recommendations for the future & discuss implementation

Community Engagement

Community meetings (online), focus groups, online surveying, project website & neighborhood events

Emigh Playfield

Milwaukee Recreation and the Bay View Neighborhood Association are proposing a change to the northwest portion of Emigh Playfield (495 E. Morgan Ave.) to include the addition of Milwaukee's first and only Wheel Park. Wheel parks provide families with a safe and legal space for wheel sports including BMX, skateboards, scooters and skates. Visit milwaukeerecreation.net/rec/About/Playfield-Renovation-Project.htm for the latest news and updates.



- 1 WHEEL PARK PRECEDENT
- 2 PAINTED TRACK (RUNNING, CYCLING)
- 3 ADA ACCESIBLE PATHWAY TO FIELDHOUSE
- 4 PROPOSED LANDSCAPE BUFFER BETWEEN ALLEY AND WHEEL PLAZA
- 5 SPLASHPAD AND PLAYGROUND
- 6 PARKING LOT
- 7 RELOCATED BASKETBALL





Street Lighting

The City maintains and operates approximately 77,000 street and alley lights, but many street lights receive power from a combination of outdated and modern circuitry. The city has invested \$10 million to replace 13 circuits that have experienced the most failures in recent years, and four fall within our district. Replacing these circuits will improve system reliability, reduce the number of

multi-block outages that reduce the perception of safety in the area, and lay the groundwork for future deployment of LED lights and Smart Cities applications. The project ensures that under-served populations receive improved services and infrastructure. To report street lighting outages, visit milwaukee.gov/dpwservices/StreetLighting or call (414) 286-CITY.

Dear Neighbor,

As I shape my priorities as the District 14 Alderwoman, it is crucial that I hear from you about the issues that affect you and your community most. Please check all of the policy areas that are most important to you. Then please detach and mail back this POSTAGE FREE survey card. If you would like to discuss this more at length, please call my office at (414) 286-3769.

Thank you. —

Alderwoman

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1.	What city service do you use the most, and what services do you use the least? MOST
	LEAST
2.	On a scale of 1–5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate City service delivery?
3.	Does your family utilize Early Childhood Education services? YES NO
4.	List the top three ways we can improve quality of life in Milwaukee.
5.	How would you prefer to receive updates from our office?
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